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Subject: Petition Against the Duke Energy Rate Increase

Dear Commissioners:

As a Duke Energy electric customer, I encourage you to closely examine the Duke Energy electric rate proposal (2018-319-e) when it comes before you, Specifically, I am concerned that:

Duke Energy's proposal to increase the basic facilities charge, a fixed cost from \$8.29 to over \$28. This would make this mandatory fee one of the highest in the country and much higher than the other investor-owned utility in South Carolina which recently lowered its fixed cost.

The increase in this mandatory fee takes away customer control over my energy bill robs me of the full benefit of energy conservation efforts. It is important that you protect older consumers who may live on a fixed income.

This is ludicrous!!! I'm bearyl keeping my heat on because I'm not able to pay bill monthly from the cost, and you want to raise rates! I'm on fix income and I can see why so many people are freezing to death, because between eating, paying for prescriptions, and paying for heat, we choose to eat and maintain our health! It's pure capitalist greed!!!!

Sincerely,
Christine Sweeney